

XXIII.—POPULATION.

Statistics for the calender year 1934 are as follows:—

—	As at 1st January, 1934.		Births.		Deaths.		Mar- riages.	Arrivals.		Departures.		As at 31st December, 1934.		Net Increase or Decrease.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Europeans ..	353	248	3	5	1	1	2	142	77	162	72	335	257	— 9
Native Samoans	24,696	23,790	759	682	231	211	138	256	223	225	238	25,255	24,246	+ 1,015
Persons of European and Samoan de- scend	1,217	1,164	39	28	6	2	23	40	69	59	94	1,231	1,165	+ 15
Chinese labourers	632	..	..	..	..	..	..	279	..	408	..	503	..	— 129
Melanesian labourers and dependants	98	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	94	1	— 4
	26,996	25,203	801	715	242	214	163	717	369	854	404	27,418	25,669	+ 888
Totals ..	52,199		1,516		456			1,086		1,258		53,087		

These figures are based on a count taken during the course of the yaws campaign in 1932–33.

The increase referred to by M. Sakenobe in connection with the examination of last year's report is due to the greater accuracy of the census taken during the yaws campaign. The figures taken at that time are undoubtedly correct, and the statistics now published indicate a further increase in the Native population.

XXIV.—PUBLIC WORKS.

Heavy floods in January, 1935, caused great damage to the east coast road from Apia to Falefa, three bridges being washed away and the approaches to four others being destroyed. Twelve slips also occurred and three weeks elapsed before the road was once again clear for ordinary traffic. Washouts also took place on other important roads, but the effects were not so serious and the damage was quickly repaired.

During the year a total of 60 chains of road was reconstructed, metalled, and sealed with bitumen, while 20 chains were formed and metalled. A length of new road to a distance of 40 chains was also formed.

The sea wall at Apia was reinforced, and 110 ft. of new wall was erected between Luatuanu'u and Solosolo.

In addition to the above works a considerable amount of maintenance was carried out on all roads, bridges, wharves, water-supplies, buildings, and the hydro-electric scheme.